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Exhibit 720-3 Bridge Vertical Clearances

Project Type	Vertical Clearance [8]	Documentation Requirement (see notes)
Interstate and Other Freeways [1]		
New Bridge	> 16.5 ft	[2]
Widening Over or Under Existing Bridge	> 16 ft	[2]
	< 16 ft	[4]
Resurfacing Under Existing Bridge	> 16 ft	[2]
	< 16 ft	[4]
Other With No Change to Vertical Clearance	> 14.5 ft	[3]
	< 14.5 ft	[4]
Nonfreeway Routes		
New Bridge	> 16.5 ft	[2]
Widening Over or Under Existing Bridge	> 15.5 ft	[2]
	< 15.5 ft	[4]
Resurfacing Under Existing Bridge	> 15.5 ft	[2]
	< 15.5 ft	[4]
Other With No Change to Vertical Clearance	> 14.5 ft	[3]
	< 14.5 ft	[4]
Bridge Over Railroad Tracks [7]		
New Bridge	> 23.5 ft	[2]
	< 23.5 ft	[4][5]
Existing Bridge	> 22.5 ft	[2]
	< 22.5 ft	[4][5]
Pedestrian Bridge Over Roadway		
New Bridge	> 17.5 ft	[2]
Existing Bridge	17.5 ft	[6]

Notes:

- [1] Applies to all bridge vertical clearances over highways and under highways at interchanges.
- [2] No documentation required.
- [3] Document to Design Documentation Package.
- [4] Approved design analysis required.
- [5] Requires written agreement between railroad company and WSDOT and approval via petition from the WUTC.
- [6] Maintain 17.5-ft clearance.
- [7] Coordinate railroad clearance with the HQ Design Office Railroad Liaison.
- [8] See 720.03(5).

25. FHWA Technical Manual for Design and Construction of Road Tunnels –
 Civil Elements (publication FHWA-NHI-10-034)

2.13.2.1 Bridge Design Manual Rights and Responsibilities

The WSDOT Bridge Design Manual (BDM), as modified by the WSDOT Bridge & Structures Office Design Memoranda, allocates responsibilities as follows:

- Rights and Responsibilities The following clarifies which rights and responsibilities discussed in the BDM are applicable to the Design-Builder:
 - The Design-Builder shall complete all analyses, evaluations, load ratings, plans, and specifications discussed in the BDM.
 - All such analyses, evaluations, load ratings, plans, and specifications are subject to Review and Comment by the WSDOT.
 - All references to WSDOT Sections, offices, and engineers shall mean WSDOT.
- Where the BDM or the *WSDOT Bridge & Structures Office Design Memoranda* requires approval by the WSDOT Bridge Design Engineer, the Design-Builder shall be responsible for obtaining approval from the WSDOT Engineer prior to proceeding with the design.

2.13.3 Personnel Requirements

The Design-Builder shall provide a Structural Lead Engineer (SLE) to manage and review all aspects of the structural Work completed for the Project. The SLE shall ensure that all design and construction of permanent Work is in conformance with the Request for Proposal (RFP) and Quality Management Plan (QMP), and shall be responsible for the quality of the structural Work performed and for coordinating all structural design elements of the Project.

The SLE shall have a minimum of 10 years of experience in the design of bridges, retaining walls, and other highway related structures. The SLE shall be in responsible charge of all bridge and structures design elements. This individual shall be a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Washington and in the branches of Civil and Structural Engineering.

The Engineer of Record (EOR) for all structural engineering Design Documents for the Project shall have a minimum of 10 years of experience in the design of bridges, retaining walls, and other highway related structures. The EOR shall be a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Washington and in the branches of Civil and Structural Engineering.

2.13.4 Design Criteria

The Design-Builder shall design and construct permanent bridges and structures to achieve a minimum service life of 75 years. All new structures crossing roadways shall provide a minimum vertical clearance of 17 feet-6 inches over the roadway. Any modifications, improvements and/or widening to existing structures

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